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Dear Sirs;

Please ensure that Microsoft systems will accept input and provide output to other programs and systems.

This is in my opinion not agreed to in the settlement.

To let any monopoly deny interoperability by defining own formats will seriously hinder communication, as lots of people will be unable to buy unnecessarily expensive software.

Internet stands poised to open an age of communication, open exchange of ideas to anybody, from anybody, with little hindrance from poverty, position, race, sex or religion.

I am not sure that the American people will benefit from allowing Microsoft unhindered continue it's monopolistic practise.

A pity it will be, if the rest of the world are able to freely communicate, while the free world's technological locomotive are derailed in a dark tunnel of monetary and legal censorship.

Sincerly yours,

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